

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please insert the following new heading and paragraph on page 1 of the specification before the words "TECHNICAL FIELD:"

CROSS-REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATIONS

This application is a continuation of pending U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/514,833 filed February 28, 2000 entitled "SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR MULTI-PLATFORM, MULTIMEDIA INFORMATION AND COMMUNICATION NETWORK-INDEPENDENT SERVERS," the disclosure of which is hereby incorporated herein by reference.

Please insert the following paragraph on line 11 of page 7 after the paragraph on line 9 of page 7 beginning with "FIGURE 3 is a diagram."

FIGURE 4 is a flowchart illustrating an example operation of a preferred embodiment of the present invention.

Please insert the following paragraph on line 11 of page 12 before the paragraph on line 11 of page 12 beginning with "It should be appreciated."

FIGURE 4 is a flowchart illustrating another example of an application of a preferred embodiment of the present invention. Method 400 illustrates a method for providing multimedia data services. In step 401, a server is associated with a plurality of user terminals over a communication network. Step 401(a) indicates optional services whereby the server may provide messaging services related to the user terminals. These messaging services may comprise automatically sending notification signals to user terminals when a server receives a message relating to user terminals and sending messages to a user terminal in response to a request sent by that user terminal. These user terminals may use the server to access functions of a home system that are available to the user terminal only through the use of a server. In step 402, communication information is received from at least one of the user terminals. After receiving the communication information, various

applications are accessed in step 403. Step 403(a) indicates optional services where the server may determine which applications to run by accessing user memory or the server may automatically access one or more applications based on sender identification data contained in a message. After accessing an application, the information obtained by the various applications is then sent to the user terminal in step 404, and step 404(a) indicates an optional service where the communication data processed or obtained by an application may be sent to some user terminals with a message.